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SUBJ: CCD: 653RD PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1974

1. SUMMARY: SCHEDULED SPEAKERS AT AUG 20 PLENARY MEETING WERE CANADA, POLAND, PAKISTAN, AND EGYPT. CANADIAN REP EXPRESSED VIEWS ON CW, TTB AND NPT ISSUES. POLISH STATEMENT COVERED CCD ENLARGEMENT, ABSENCE OF TWO NUCLEAR POWERS FROM DISARMAMENT EFFORTS, CTB, SEABED DEMILITARIZATION, ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION AND WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. PAKISTANI AND EGYPTIAN REPS ADDRESSED QUESTION OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES IN SOUTH ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST, RESPECTIVELY. MEXICAN REP, IN REPLY TO POLISH ASSERTION OF NEGATIVE CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD DISARMAMENT MEASURES, POINTED OUT THAT PRC HAD RECENTLY RATIFIED PROTOCOL II OF LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE TREATY. FOLLOWING ARE INFORMAL MEETING, CONSENSUS WAS REACHED TO ADMIT FRG, GDR, IRAN, PERU AND ZAIRE AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1975. END SUMMARY

2. AMB BARTON (CANADA) STATED THAT THERE NOW APPEARED TO BE GENERAL, IF NOT YET UNANIMOUS, ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA THAT CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY SHOULD, AT LEAST AT BEGINNING, INVOLVE AGREEMENT TO PARTIAL MEASURES. HE SAID THIS CHANGE WAS SIGNIFICANT AND DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON WHAT WAS OBTAINABLE. WITH RESPECT TO VIEW EXPRESSED BY SOVIET CW EXPERT THAT ON-SITE OBSERVATION OF CW STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION POSED THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, BARTON SAID PROBLEM DID NOT SEEM INSURMOUNTABLE. FORMULAE FOR MOST HIGHLY LETHAL CW AGENTS WERE ALREADY GENERALLY KNOWN. IN EVENT CLASSIFIED AGRNTS WERE TO BE DESTROYED, TOXICITY MEASUREMENT COULD BE MADE WITHOUT REVEALING STRUCTURE OF AGENT. IF DESTRUCTION FACILITY WERE PROPERLY SAFEGUARDED AND PERIODICALLY INSPECTED, QUESTION OF DIVERSION TO WHICH SOVIETS REFERRED WOULD NOT ARISE. REFERRING TO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE'S TREATMENT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, HE WELCOMED INDICATION OF BILATERAL PROGRESS ON CW AND HOPED THAT CO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIRMEN WOULD IN NEAR FUTURE BE ABLE TO INFORM CCD OF NATURE OF INITIATIVE AND, IF POSSIBLE, BRING COMMITTEE INTO THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. BARTON STATED THAT, IN LIGHT OF CANADIAN CONCERNS ABOUT RECENT NUCLEAR TESTING, HIS DEL HAD TO JOIN IN EXPRESSIONS OF DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT SCOPE OF THRESHOLD TREATY. WHILE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF TREATY WAS LIMITED, CANADA NONETHELESS

HOPED IT WOULD INHIBIT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HIGH-YIELD WEAPONS, TESTING OF WHICH CREATED POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. BARTON URGED TWO PARTIES TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD CTB WITHOUT AWAITING IMPLEMENTATION OF TTB. HE HOPED SEISMOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA EXCHANGE UNDER TREATY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO OVERCOMING PROBLEMS OF VERIFYING CTB. HE ALSO WELCOMED JOINT STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION AND SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT CCD ONCE US AND USSR AND PERHAPS OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DEFINE TECHNICALLY SCOPE OF PROBLEM

4. BARTON SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY FEATURES OF NPT MAY BE DISCRIMINATORY AND DISAPPOINTING, CANADA HAD CHOSEN TO SUPPORT IT STRONGLY. EVEN THOUGH NUCLEAR POWERS HAD NOT SEEN ERROR OF THEIR WAYSS, NON-NUCLEAR STATES WERE NOT JUSTIFIED IN REFUSING TO "PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF THE INFECTION" ON GROUNDS TREATY WAS DISCRIMINATORY. CANADA BELIEVED IT WAS IN SELF-INTEREST OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES TO ABJURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SUPPORT SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM. SINCE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TECHNOLOGY EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WAS DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE FROM WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY, NON-NUCLEAR STATES WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY FOLLOWING PROCEDURES SET OUT IN ARTICLE FIVE OF NPT. HE SAID THAT, WHILE AMENDING NPT IN FORMAL SENSE DID NOT SEEM TO BE USEFUL ACTIVITY, ADDITIONAL COMPLEMENTARY STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN. ONE SUCH STEP WAS CTB. ANOTHER AREA FOR EXPLORATION WAS WHETHER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD PROVIDE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED AND SAFEGUARDED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PNE'S. ECONOMIC UTILITY OF PNE'S SHOULD BE EXAMINED FULLY WITH VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE FIVE OF NPT. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT COUNTRIES TRANSFERRING AND RECEIVING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY GIVE STRONGER SUPPORT TO APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

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5. AMB WYZNER (POLAND) SUPPORTED ENLARGEMENT OF CCD MEMBERSHIP THAT WOULD PRESERVE BODY'S NEGOTIATING ABILITY, BUT REGRETTED THAT TWO NUCLEAR POWERS HAD NOT YET BEEN WILLING TO SHARE IN EFFORT. HE SAID MEMBERS SHOULD DRID THEMSELVES OF ILLUSION THAT ABSENCE OF THESE POWERS COULD BE MADE UP FOR BY STRUCTURAL OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES. ABSENCE OF PRC, WHICH HAD TOTALLY NEGATIVE VIEW OF MEASURES NEGOTIATED WITHIN AND OUTSIDE CCD, COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED NOT TO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON PACE AND SCOPE OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES. WYZNER ALSO EXPRESSED POLISH SUPPORT FOR CTB, FURTHER STEPS TOWARD DEMILITARIZING SEABED., 285#4-2-) 9* 7 -,\$ 9;835 ,;-) *94:3 8,;)7\$8,& ,UCLEAR SUBMARINES FROM MEDITERRANEAN NPT, AND AGREEMENT PREVENTING MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION. WYZNER CLAIMED THAT PROGRESS MADE ON QUESTION OF CONVENING WORLD DISARMAMENT

CONFERENCE WAS IMPRESSIVE AND BELIEVED THAT TRANSFORMATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE INTO PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE SUITABLE STEP TO BE TAKEN AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

6. AMB NAIK (PAKISTAN) INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT HIS GOV HAD REQUESTED INSCRIPTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA ENTITLED "DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA". PAKISTAN CONSIDERED IT IMPERATIVE THAT, IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, SUB-CONTINENT OF SOUTH ASIA BE DECLARED NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS BE BANNED. HE SAID IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT BESIDES CONTAINING COMMITMENT NOT TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE TREATY, WHICH COULD SERVE AS MODEL FOR SOUTH ASIA, ALSO PROVIDED FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ON CONDITION THAT SUCH EXPLOSIONS BE CONDUCTED UNDER ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION TO ENSURE AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

7. AMB EL-ERIAN (EGYPT) ANNOUNCED THAT EGYPT HAD DECIDED TO CO-SPONSOR IRANIAN REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNGA AGENDA OF ITEM ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN MIDDLE EAST. HE NOTED THAT EGYPT HAD CONTRIBUTED ITS SHARE TO ADOPTION BY ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OF 1964 DECLARATION REGARDING NUCLEAR FREE ZONE FOR AFRICA. WHILE HE DID NOT WANT AT THIS TIME TO PRESENT EGYPTIAN APPROACH TO ELABORATING CRITERIA FOR DENUCLEARIZATION OF MIDDLE EAST, POSITION WOULD BE MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEAR AT UNGA.

8. AMB GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO), NOTING WYZNER'S REMARK ABOUT NEGATIVE CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD DISARMAMENT MEASURES CONCLUDED WITHIN OR OUTSIDE CCD, SAID HE FELT COMPELLED, AS REP OF DEPOSITARY GOV FOR LANFZ TREATY, TO POINT OUT THAT PRC HAD BECOME PARTY TO PROTOCOL II OF LANFZ TREATY. WYZNER CONCEDED THE POINT, BUT NOTED THAT PROTOCOL II DID NOT AFFECT CHINA'S ARMED FORCES.

9. FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL MEETING, CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON INVITING FRG, GDR, IRAN, PERU AND ZAIRE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 1975 (GENEVA 5347, NOTAL).

10. FINAL PLENARY MEETING OF 1974 SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUG 22.DALE

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